

New Hope Borough Council Meeting

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[Direct Link to Zoom Meeting.](#)

1. November 21, 2023, Borough Council Agenda

Documents:

[NOVEMBER 21, 2023 AGENDA.PDF](#)

NEW HOPE BOROUGH

November 21, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Meeting Agenda

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___ Gering, President

___ Maisel, President Pro Tem

___ Feder

___ Dougherty

___ Becci

___ Meyer

___ Whitman

___ Mayor Keller

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1. Mayor's Report

2. Council President's Report

- Consider Holiday Tree Lighting Special Event
- Certificate of Appropriateness – 50 West Bridge Street – sign replacement
- Certificate of Appropriateness – 71 West Ferry Street – rear addition, attic dormer, chimney
- Certificate of Appropriateness – 17-19 West Mechanic Street – restore, replace windows and door, exterior painting, existing stucco to be removed
- Certificate of Appropriateness – 100 West Bridge Street – restoration and renovation of an existing single family home with a 2 story rear addition
- Certificate of Appropriateness – 35 North Main Street – sign installation
- Certificate of Appropriateness – 81 South Main Street – sign installation
- Consider Authorization to Advertise the Proposed 2023 Budget
- Consider Resolution for a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant for intersection improvements at Bridge Street and Main Street
- Consider Resolution for Appointment to Tax Collector Position
- Consider West Mechanic Street Bridge and Road Restoration Contract - Change Order #1 and Final Pay Estimate #1
- Consider Escrow Release #5 for 18-20 West Mechanic Street
- Consider Appointment of Charles Huchet to the Planning Commission

3. Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Meeting Minutes:
 1. September 19, 2023 Council Meeting
 2. October 17, 2023 Council Meeting
- Approval of Accounts Payables:
 1. Accounts Payables for November in the amount of \$698,168.81.
 2. Payrolls for October 20, 2023, November 3, 2023 and November 17, 2023 in the amounts of \$125,026.40, \$82,614.89, and \$83,267.64.

4. Council Member Reports on Committees:

- Parks and Recreation Board (L. Feder)
- Shade Tree Commission
- Finance Committee (C. Gering, K. Maisel)
- Land Use and Historic Preservation (HARB – K. Maisel; ZHB – C. Gering; PC – P. Meyer)

5. Manager and Solicitor Reports

6. Public Comment

7. Announcements

8. Adjournment

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS:

- Monday, November 27, 2023 – Parks & Recreation Board, 7:00 PM
- Monday, December 4, 2023 – Council Workshop, 4:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 5, 2023 - Historical Architectural Review Board, 6:30 PM
- Monday, December 18, 2023 – Planning Commission, 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, December 19, 2023 –Council Public Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, December 20, 2023 – Shade Tree Commission, 6:00 PM

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

1. Public meetings of the Council shall follow a prescribed agenda, which will be available to the general public two days preceding the meeting.
2. Members of the public with specific questions can put their questions in writing and send, before noon, on the Monday before the meeting.
Via email: PublicComment@NewHopeBorough.org
3. A Public Comment period will be provided for input on any subject and after the presentation of each agenda item for that specific topic.
4. The Council President shall preside over Public Comments and may within their discretion:
 - a. Recognize individuals wishing to offer comment.
 - b. Require identification of such persons (name and address of residence).
 - c. Allocate up to a three (3) minute maximum for each individual to offer Public Comment at a meeting.
 - d. Rule out of order scandalous, impertinent and redundant comment, or any comment the discernible purpose of which is to disrupt or prevent the conduct of the business of the meeting including the questioning of, or polling of, or debating with, individual members of the Council.

Code of Conduct

The New Hope Borough Council is committed to upholding an environment of respect, professionalism, and constructive dialogue during council meetings.

Disrespectful behavior, including but not limited to personal attacks, disruptive conduct, and disrespectful language, will not be tolerated. All participants in council meetings are to be treated with dignity, and the proceedings shall be productive and inclusive.

- All council members, attendees, staff, and members of the public participating in council meetings are expected to demonstrate respect toward one another.
- Debates are encouraged, but they must be conducted in a respectful and courteous manner.
- Personal attacks, derogatory language, and disrespectful behavior towards any individual are strictly prohibited.
- The President and Vice President have the authority to maintain order and decorum during council meetings. They may intervene and take appropriate action to address disrespectful behavior, including warning the individual responsible and, if necessary, removal from the meeting.

The New Hope Borough Council aims to foster productive discussions and decision-making processes during council meetings. Failure to adhere to the above may result in appropriate action, including removal from the meeting and potential restrictions on future participation.